

**Developmental Disabilities Council
Policy & Law Committee Agenda
March 8, 2019**

**Friendly's Restaurant, 350 Dove Run Centre Drive Middletown, DE 19709
9:30am – 11:30 am**

Members Present: Nancy Lemus, Terri Hancharick, Daniese McMullin-Powell, Bill Powell, Diann Jones, Maitri Campbell

Members Absent: Rick Kosmalski

Staff: Stefanie Lancaster, Kristin Harvey

- I. Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes** – The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. Stefanie Lancaster stated there was one agenda item that needed to be added prior to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) discussion. It is regarding the newest goal in the state plan regarding Disability History which is the SA6 goal. With that added, the agenda was approved. Daniese McMullin-Powell requested one minor change to the February 8th meeting minutes. On Page 3, under where it discusses the State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) Policy & Law meetings, should reference the meeting being held on the 2nd Thursday of each month – not the 2nd Tuesday. With that one recommended edit, the February minutes were unanimously approved.

- II. Discussion regarding SA6 Goal in the State plan regarding Disability History** – Kristin Harvey reviewed the idea that she is proposing to the committee regarding the DD Council developing a Disability Pride Day in Delaware. Below are some the items listed in the proposed scope of services:
 - a. Work with the P&L Committee and the full Council to plan and carry out activities for statewide Disability Pride Day events
 - b. Kent and Sussex could be combined into a southern Kent County location such as Delaware State Fairground in Harrington, DE
 - c. Host a Disability Pride day around the signing of Olmstead or ADA in June.
 - d. Have activities such as a talent show, screen of “Boundless” play, adapted fitness demonstrations, art exhibit, adapted line dancing, exhibit of disability artifacts, free health screenings and so much more.

The proposed funding amount that was discussed and approved by the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) Committee is \$100,000. The committee discussed the objective and asked that the following also be incorporated into the proposed scope:

- a. be able to have sensory friendly areas and activities for those who may need that accommodation whether it be a sensory area in the main activity room (i.e. have a bean bag chair available in the room versus someone have to walk through a room of 300

people to get to a separate sensory room or area) as well as a separate location for those who may need a quiet place.

b. Preference is given to those proposals which show participation of individuals with disabilities in the development of the proposal as well as meaningful involvement in all phases of the project once implemented.

c. incorporate food truck vendors at each event.

d. Invite past Partners in Policymaking graduates to be included in the planning and the day of the events.

e. Invite Cab Calloway School of the Arts students to participate in the event.

f. Invite the local Community Integrated Living Centers (CILs) to participate.

g. It was recommended to change “self-advocate” to “advocate” throughout the materials.

h. It was also discussed that vendors invited could sell merchandise if they so choose but the Council could not profit from the event.

With the recommended edits being added to the document, the Committee approved the proposed project idea. This item will be brought forth for discussion at the March Council meeting.

III. Review and discussion regarding FOIA and Open Meeting Laws - The committee decided to discuss this at the next meeting after having a chance to review all the documents provided by the DDC staff relating to FOIA and open meeting laws to find any inconsistencies between the documents. This item will be added to the April agenda for further discussion.

IV. Review of position statements – recommendations of edits needed to each

1. Assisted Suicide – Daniese McMullin-Powell and Diann Jones will begin working on revisions to the Assisted Suicide position statement. They will bring back recommended edits to the next meeting for the committee’s review and approval.

2. Community Living – Terri Hancharick and Maitri Campbell will begin working on revisions to the Community Living position statement. They will bring back recommended edits to the next meeting for the committee’s review and approval.

3. Subminimum Wage – Maitri Campbell and Terri Hancharick will begin working on revision the Subminimum Wage position statement. They will bring back recommended edits to the next meeting for the committee’s review and approval.

An idea that was discussed was once our positions statements are revised and finalized, that the DD Council Staff or a DDC Contractor to develop rack cards that can be handed out at various events.

V. Other Business From the Group – No other business was discussed at this time.

VI. Next Meeting Date – The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 12th at 9:30 a.m. at Friendly’s in Middletown, DE.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.